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GAS FACILITIES EXPAND RAPIDLY

MOSCOW SERVICE INCREASED -- Vechernyaya Moskva, No 135, 8 Jun 49

Since the war, 120,000 apartments in Moscow have been provided with gas facilities and more than 600 kilometers of gas systems and gas mains have been laid. This has made it possible to furnish more than one million Moscow residents with cheap and convenient fuel.

The main part of the work was carried out by Mosgazstroy (Moscow Construction of Gas Installations) which is an organization of the Moscow City Soviet. Workers of Mosgazstroy provided 90,000 apartments with gas facilities and constructed nearly 500 kilometers of gas systems and gas mains. Mosgazstroy trusts are working at high speed. In 1948, gas was installed in 34,000 apartments instead of the planned 26,000. During the first 5 months of 1949, gas was installed in 15,200 apartments as against 8,900 for the same period of 1948.

FIGHT PIPE LINE CORROSION -- Vechernyaya Moskva, No 136, 9 Jun 49

Construction of the Moscow-Coke-Gas Plant is not progressing satisfactorily. The chief engineer of the Saratov-Moscow Gas Pipeline has called on engineers of the Academy of Sciences to aid in combatting corrosion of the pipeline. Ten specialized organizations of the Ministry of Construction of Heavy Industry Enterprises, the Main Administration of Central Construction, the Main Administration of Special Construction, and others, are working on this project. Everything necessary has been provided for construction of this plant to allow the start of production in the last quarter of this year.

GAS FACILITIES IN KIEV EXPANDING -- Pravda Ukrainy, No 49, 1 Mar 49

Gas consumption in Kiev is steadily growing. During the first month after opening the Dasha-Kiev gas main, the population of Kiev received about 30 million cubic meters. Plans are being made to install gas facilities in 30,000 apartments during 1949, that is, essentially the entire central part of the city. Facilities will be installed soon in Podol'skiy and Pecherskiy.

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Kiev was the first city to use liquefied gas for household purposes. As of 1 January 1949, there were around 2,500 installations operating on this kind of gas. It is planned to supply it to an additional 1,500 apartments this year. The possibilities of further use of liquefied gas are great, especially since the "Gazpribor" Plant in Kiev has started making cylinders.

Gas will also be used in automobiles, and construction and assembly of two gas-filling stations is planned in 1949. Plans have also been made to use gas for heating Dutch-tile ovens and boiler rooms in buildings with central heating systems.

Work has been started on installing gas facilities in industrial enterprises of Darnitskiy Rayon. Two gas pipes have been laid across the Dnepr River and gas from the Carpathian Mountains is now supplied to the left bank of the Dnepr.

Installation of gas facilities in Kiev is of great importance to the State as it relieves railroad and river transport from hauling fuel.

Pravda, No 135, 15 May 49

Gas facilities have been installed in 12,000 apartments of Kiev. Now, almost 180,000 inhabitants of Kiev are being supplied with gas.

SERVICE EXTENDED IN DONBASS CITIES -- Vechernyaya Moskva, No 108, 7 May 49

A large amount of work is being done to extend gas facilities in cities and workers' settlements on the basis of the coke-chemical plants in the Donbass. The extension of gas facilities in Zhdanov has already exceeded the prewar level. An additional 900 houses will be supplied this summer. Construction of a new gas main to supply more than 2,000 apartments has begun in Stalino.

NEW INSTALLATIONS IN LENINGRAD -- Leningradskaya Pravda, No 133, 8 Jun 49

Workers of the "Lengazset'stroy" Administration (Leningrad Gas System Construction) laid 7 kilometers of new street gas mains in May. Construction has been completed on the underground main on the embankment of the Moyka Canal from Nevskiy Prospekt to Konyushenny Street.

Gas pipes are now being laid on Dzerzhinskiy Street, from Sadovaya Street to the Griboyedov Canal. The "Lengaz" Administration is connecting new subscribers with the gas main daily. At present 70,000 apartments receive gas.

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